Programmes for improving rural sanitation

2487. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes drawn up and being implemented for improving rural sanitation during the 8th Five Year Plan period;

(b) what are the different components under the above programmes and funds allocated under them; and

(c) progress achieved so far under each component of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Rural Sanitation Programme is being implemented under Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) and State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MMP) for improving rural sanitation during the 8th Plan period.

(b) the components of the programme are as under:

(i) Construction of individual sanitary latrines for households below poverty line.

(ii) Conversion of dry latrines into low cost sanitary latrines.

(iii) Construction of exclusive village sanitary complexed for women on a selective basis where adequate land/space within the premises of the houses do not exit and where village panchayats are willing to maintain.

(iv) Setting up of sanitary marts.

(v) Total sanitation of village through the construction of drains, soak-age pits, solid and liquid waste disposal.

(vi) Intensive campaign for awareness generation and health education for creating felt need for personal, household and environmental sanitation facilities.

Component-wise allocation of funds, as provided in the CRSP guidelines, is as under:

(i) Upto 72% can be utilised for giving Central share of the subsidy to construct individual sanitary latrines for households below poverty line.

(ii) Upto 10% can be used for subsidising construction of sanitary complexes exclusively for women.

(iii) Upto 10% for health education/ motivation, creation of felt need etc.

(iv) Upto 5% for construction of other components such as bathing platform, garbage pit etc.

(v) Upto 3% for expenditure towards staff, administration etc.

(c) Progress achieved in respect of household latrines is only compiled at the Central level. During the 8th Plan period, from 1.4.92 to 31.3.96, 8.5 lakhs sanitary latrines have been constructed under Central Rural Sanitation Programme and 12.57 lakh sanitary latrines under MNP.

Redesigning Rural Development Programmes

2488. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to redesign rural development programme, in order to eradicate poverty from the country by 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with background;

(c) whether redesigning of the programmes would ensure betterment of people in any way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHAN-